

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent
Communion***



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Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Linda Lamb
"Contemplation on 'Beautiful Savior'" arr. Matthew Compton
The Second Church Handbell Choir

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Galatians 4:4-7) Ed McCarthy, Liturgist

Liturgist: God sets before us blessing and curse.

People: God sets before us abundance and scarcity.

Liturgist: God has told us what God desires for us;

People: Blessing and Abundance.

Liturgist: God has told us what God asks us to be for the world.

People: Blessing and Abundance.

All: We come to choose to live with wisdom and compassion. We come to be blessing, love, abundance, and mercy.

***Hymn** "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" No. 9

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: Holy Creator, Holy Teacher, Holy Wisdom:

Dare us to respond to you beyond the limits of our love.

Dare us to lay aside our quick anger for a lasting curiosity and an abiding humor.

Dare us to forget all the ways we can separate ourselves from others, and to learn all the ways we can bind ourselves to their challenging uniqueness.

Dare us to reveal the whole of your image in us instead of a few convenient parts.

Dare us to risk all that we are to become, all that you wish for.

Dare us to mean what we pray. Amen.

Response

"Gloria Patri" No. 734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Anthem "God So Loved the World" John Stainer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture

John 3:1-17

NT p. 91

Sermon

"A Not So Random Encounter"

Rev. Dr Will Sencabaugh

Gathering Hymn

"As We Gather at Your Table"

No. 695, Verse 1

Sunday School Arrival

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Grape juice is substituted for wine. The communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Prayer

Minister: Christ be with you,

People: And also, with you.

Minister: Let us lift up one another.

People: Let us lift up one another to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God who is still speaking and listening and interacting with creation.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Minister: We remember that on the night... "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us that, as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the fellowship Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray together.

All: We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

No. 398

***Benediction**

Response

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

No. 711, vs. 1

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.**

Postlude

Prelude on DARWALL'S 148th

Percy Whitlock

(Six Hymn-Preludes, No. 1)

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

The Lead Deacon this month is Charlie Oliver assisted by Nancy Tariot.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 1 st	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Worship/Communion/Sunday School Confirmation Class
Tuesday, 3 rd	6:00 pm	Book Study – Climate Church, Climate World
Wednesday, 4 th	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	“The Chosen” Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 5 th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30pm	Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 8 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 11:15 am 11:15 am 2:30 pm	O&M Committee Meeting Worship/Sunday School Annual Financial Church Meeting Uke Group CE Committee Meeting Service of Celebration & Release for Rev. Dr. Patty Kogut

Book Study Group "Climate Church, Climate World" begins Tuesday March 3rd at 6pm. Books are available in the office for \$15

"The Chosen" Discussion Group meets Wednesday March 4th at 6:30pm

Jack & Jill Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Friday March 20, call the office for details & reservations (508) 222-4677- Deadline 3/6/26

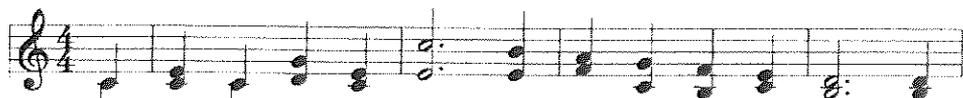
The Board of Deacons will present a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 14 at 4:30. Cost will be \$10/person. Please call the office for reservations prior to March 10. Please leave a message if necessary. 508-222-4677

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Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

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1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess: the
 4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his



great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are



songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
 best: and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.



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DARWALL'S 148th
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398 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured,
 2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus—spread his praise from
 3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery

bound - less, free! Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its
 shore to shore! How he loves us, ev - er loves us, chang - es
 love the best! 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a

full - ness o - ver me! Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 nev - er, nev - er - more! How he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
 ha - ven sweet of rest! O the deep, deep love of Je - sus—

is the cur - rent of thy love— lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all his own; how for them he's
 'tis a heaven of heavens to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
in - ter - ced - ing, watch - ing o'er them from the throne!
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains the melody, with two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) over the words 'home-ward' and 'o'er them'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written in three lines between the staves.